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••••• E.D. 12065: GDS 12/10/85 (SHERMAN, RICK) OR-P
••••• TAGS: SREF SHUM PK AF UN
••••• SUBJECT: STATUS OF AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN

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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. POLOFF MET WITH UNHCR REP UTKAN 10 DEC FOR RUN DOWN
UN PRESENT UNHCR PROGRAM. UTKAN'S DESCRIPTION IN GENERAL
TERMS FOLLOWS. WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED 11 DEC BY COPY OF
ANNEX TO UNHCR/GOP AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED 10 DEC. ANNEX
TO BE PROVIDED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WILL DESCRIBE PROGRAM
AND WILL BE POUCHED NEA/PAB ATTN: ROBERT PECK.
3. UTKAN DESCRIBES CURRENT CONDITION OF RELIEF PROGRAM
AS "CHAOTIC". SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH AND GOOD BEING
RECEIVED BUT ARE NEITHER SUFFICIENT NOR BEST USE OF RESOURCES.
FRG AMB FOR EXAMPLE HAS GIVEN \$50,000 WORTH OF QUILTS TO
REFUGEES WITH EQUAL AMOUNT PENDING DELIVERY. UTKAN SAYS
TENTS MUCH MORE VITALLY NEEDED. KUWAIT IN PROCESS PROVIDING
\$2.5 MILLION IN FOOD STUFFS BUT SELECTION OF ITEMS WAS
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BAD (SARDINES AND TOMATO PASTE) SO STOCKS MAY BE SOLD
OFF TO RAISE MONEY FOR PURCHASE MORE APPROPRIATE ITEMS.

4. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS) WORKING WITH \$450,000
NORWEGIAN AND FRG CONTRIBUTION IS MORE EFFECTIVE IN
GETTING SOME FOOD AND SHELTER TO REFUGEES.

5. THESE SMALL PROGRAMS OF MARGINAL UTILITY IN LIGHT
ENORMITY OF SITUATION DEVELOPING. REFUGEES NOW NUMBER

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330,000 WITH RATIO BALUCHISTAN TO NWFP RUNNING 1-5.
BY JAN 15 WHEN PASSES CLOSED BY SNOW UTKAN BELIEVES
FIGURE COULD REACH 500,000: PROBLEM WILL BE ONE OF
STARVATION IN EASTERN AFGHAN, AS WINTER CROPS NOT PLANTED
AND NO PROSPECTS FOR FOOD ON THAT SIDE OF LINE.

6. UTKAN REPORTS 330,000 ARE GROWING MORE DESPERATE
AS GOP CUT OFF 4 RUPEE/DAY ALLOWANCE AS OF END OF JULY.
UNHCR STILL WORKING WITH PLAN TO HAVE \$4 MILLION PROGRAM
ON GROUND BY END 1979. THIS, HOWEVER, IN LIGHT GREAT
INCREASE IN NUMBERS, IS MISERABLY INADEQUATE.

7. WHAT UNHCR NEEDS SOONEST IS PL-480 CONTRIBUTION OF
FOOD AND FUNDS FOR INTERNAL TRANSPORT AND DISTRIBUTION.
UNHCR HERE HAS NOT. RPT NOT, YET COMMUNICATED FULLY WITH
HEADQUARTERS PENDING SIGNING AGREEMENT TODAY. UTKAN'S
INFO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PRIVILEGED.

8. WILL CONTINUE CLOSE LIAISON WITH UTKAN AND REPORT
DEVELOPMENTS. DEPT PLEASE PASS AS APPROPRIATE.
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